

Clinical Practice Advisories: January 2012- December 2012

Board Advisory Date:

January 19, 2012

Placement of laryngeal mask airway (LMA) in newborn

Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to place LMAs in newborns?

Answer: Board consensus that it is not within RN scope of practice to place LMAs in newborns.

PEG insertion

Question: Is it within RN scope of practice while assisting with PEG insertion to (1) hold endoscope, (2) manipulate controls, (3) insufflate, (4) snare wire, (5) thread wire, position or pull gastrostomy tube?

Answer: Board consensus that it is within RN scope of practice provided competencies are met.

Use of GS Vibracare persussor

Question: Is it within LNA scope of practice to use GS Vibracare persussor?

Answer: Board consensus that it is within LNA scope of practice provided they have competencies and facility policies support nursing assistant practice.

Patient teaching by LNA

Question: Is it within LNA scope of practice to do patient teaching such as reviewing anticipated surgery, what to expect, recovery, etc.?

Answer: Board affirmed that teaching is NOT within LNA scope of practice.

Therabath treatments with Paraffin wax

Question: Is it with RN/LPN/LNA scope of practice to do Therabath treatments with Paraffin wax?

Answer: Board consensus that Therabath treatments are within RN scope of practice, but NOT within LPN or LNA scope of practice.

TB testing

Question: Is it within LPN scope of practice to perform TB (mantoux) testing?

Answer: Board consensus that it is within LPN scope of practice provided competencies are met.

March 15, 2012

Sweat test procedures by LNA

Question: Is it within LNA scope of practice to assist in sweat test procedures?

Answer: Board consensus that it is within LNA scope of practice provided facility policy to support procedure and documented training and competency.

Can LNA/MNA sign for medications?

Question: Is it within LNA/MNA scope of practice to accept and sign for medications delivered to the facility by the Pharmacy?

Answer: Board consensus that it is within MNA scope of practice to accept and sign for medications delivered to the facility by the pharmacy with delegation and supervision of a licensed nurse. It is not within LNA scope of practice.

Can RN perform amniotomy?

Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to perform amniotomy specific to emergent situations where primary doctor or midwife is not present?

Answer: Board consensus is that this procedure is not within the RN scope of practice.

Can RN insert LMA into newborn for resuscitation?

Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to insert LMA into newborn for purposes of resuscitation?

Answer: Board consensus is that it is not within RN scope of practice to place advanced airway (laryngeal mask airway or endotracheal tube)

Can Nitrous Oxide be administered by RN?

Question: Can Nitrous Oxide be administered by mask by RN in the Emergency Room?

Answer: Board Consensus is that the RN can only provide mask to patient for self-administration. It is not within RN scope of practice to administer medication by applying mask to patient.

RN's working in Endoscopy unit

Question: Can an RN working in the Endoscopy unit perform the following actions under RN scope of practice: a) hold endoscope; b) manipulate endoscope controls; c) insufflate; d) snare wire; e) position or pull gastrostomy tube?

Answer: Board consensus to follow SGNA recommendations for practice in this specialty. Manipulation of endoscopic controls and insufflation are not within recommendations of SGNA, but RN may hold endoscope, snare wire and position or pull gastrostomy tube provided there is training and competency completed.

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| Use of lasers | <p>Question: Can an RN use lasers for procedures resulting in ablation of the tissue?</p> <p>Answer: Board reaffirmed December 21, 2006 decision that it is within the nurse scope of practice to administer non-ablative laser treatments (non-ablative does not cause tissue destruction) provided competencies are met. Tattoo removal involves ablating the skin and thus is not within the scope.</p> |
| Induction of labor | <p>Question: Can an RN insert cervidil vaginal for cervical ripening or induction of labor?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirms that it is within the scope of RN practice with facility policies in place and competencies completed.</p> |
| Telehealth nursing | <p>Question: What are the licensure requirements for Utilization Review and Case Management RN's to practice across state lines?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that this category of nurses falls under telehealth nursing and suggests a reference to the FAQ on the website for the specific details on licensure.</p> |
| <u>May 17, 2012</u> | |
| Can an LPN insert manometry catheter? | <p>Question: Can a licensed practical nurse, with training, insert a manometry catheter into a patient to assist in performing an esophageal manometry study?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed that NG tube placement is within LPN scope of practice and insertion of esophageal manometer follows same procedure. This task is within scope in stable population with institution policy to support practice and documented training and competency.</p> |
| Bone marrow biopsy by RN | <p>Question: Is a bone marrow biopsy procedure within an RN scope of practice with appropriate education and competency process?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed that bone marrow biopsy is NOT within RN scope of practice. Bone marrow biopsy is medical procedure and falls under auspices of Board of Medicine.</p> |
| Can LNA lavage nasal passages with saline? | <p>Question: Can LNA, with appropriate oversight and competency, lavage nasal passages with saline.</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed that in stable population, following appropriate rules of delegation, with appropriate oversight and</p> |

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| <p>RN scope of practice to digitally reinsert prolapsed rectum</p> | <p>with institution policy to support practice and documented training and competency, it is within LNA scope of practice to lavage nasal passages with saline.</p> <p>Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to digitally reinsert prolapsed rectum?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed that digital reinsertion of prolapsed rectum is within scope of practice of RN in patient with previously diagnosed rectal prolapse, appropriate physician order, institution policy to support practice, and documented training and competency to support practice.</p> |
| <p><u>June 21, 2012</u></p> | |
| <p>RN/LPN scope of practice to change Coude catheter</p> | <p>Question: Is it within RN or LPN scope of practice to change coude catheter with training?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed that it is within RN/LPN scope of practice provided competencies are met.</p> |
| <p>RN/LPN scope of practice to work as histologic technician in Mohs lab</p> | <p>Question: Is it within RN/LPN scope of practice to work as histologic technician in Mohs lab?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that this activity is not under RN/LPN scope of practice. If RN/LPN chose to function as Histologic Technician, active-in-practice hours would not count towards renewal. It is not within RN/LPN scope of practice to obtain specimen.</p> |
| <p>RN/LPN scope of practice to administer vaccinations based on indication of protocol.</p> | <p>Question: Is it acceptable for RN/LPN to administer vaccinations based on indication of protocol ordered by provider in patient's electronic medical record? This protocol would replace separate orders for each vaccine due at given point in schedule and would be spelled out in established guideline.</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that administering vaccinations are under RN/LPN scope of practice. Protocol process is not under purview of Board – it is guided by regulations of clinical practice setting.</p> |
| <p>RN scope of practice related to using C-arm fluroscopy</p> | <p>Question: What RN scope of practice is related to using C-arm fluoroscopy?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed previous decision that any function</p> |

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| <p><u>July 19, 2012</u></p> <p>LPN scope of practice re: ASC Endoscopy patients</p> <p>Protocol/Standing Orders</p> | <p>required to operate C-arm is not within RN scope of practice. Entering documentation is allowed.</p> <p>Question: Is it within LPN scope of practice to care for and document patients who have been given propofol for endoscopy procedure? Can LPN admit and recover these patients?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that LPN can assist in care of post-operative patient in recovery, but is prohibited from doing comprehensive assessments which are done at admission and at discharge.</p> <p>Question: Is it within LPN scope of practice to follow protocol orders in regard to bowel regimens, routine pain meds, treatments for minor skin tears/burns, etc.?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that following protocol orders by provider in regard to bowel regimens, routine pain meds, or treatment for minor skin tears/burns is within LPN scope of practice. Protocol process is not under purview of Board – it is guided by regulations of clinical practice setting.</p> |
| <p><u>August 16, 2012</u></p> <p>C-Arm operation</p> <p>RN scope of practice with standing orders at camp</p> | <p>Question: Clarification of previous opinion dated June 21, 2012, regarding C-Arm operation.</p> <p>Answer: Initial placement and setting of C-Arm must be done by radiology technician. C-Arm repositioning and shielding can be done by competently trained RN under supervision of surgeon. C-Arm documentation can be done by RN.</p> <p>Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to diagnose ear infection and follow standing orders to administer antibiotics?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that it is NOT within RN scope of practice to diagnose ear infection. Provider should be notified of complaint and child should be seen by appropriate provider to determine diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Question: Can RN perform quick strep test and follow up with orders for medication?</p> |

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| | <p>Answer: Board opined that it is within RN scope of practice to perform quick strep test, interpret results and administer medication per standing order provided competencies are met.</p> <p>Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to implement standing orders at a school per parental request without having first spoken with physician?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that it is not within RN scope of practice to implement standing orders per request of parents until provider has been first consulted.</p> |
| <u>October 18, 2012</u> | |
| RN scope of practice for LMA placement in newborns | <p>Question: Is it within RN scope for LMA placement in newborns?</p> <p>Answer: Board reaffirmed original opine dated 8/1/12 that advanced airway placement is not within RN scope of practice.</p> |
| RN scope of practice to administer Ketamine for pain control | <p>Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to administer Ketamine for pain control?</p> <p>Answer: Board re-opined decision at May 19, 2005 meeting that administration of anesthesia drugs is outside scope of practice for non-anesthesia nursing licenses except under following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When assisting CRNA or anesthesiologist (or student anesthetist or anesthesiologist.) 2. For intubated patients in ICU setting. 3. When assisting in emergency situations. 4. When providing palliative sedation. |
| LPN scope of practice to care for ventilated patient | <p>Question: Is it within LPN scope of practice to care for ventilated patient in LTC setting?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that with adequate supervision, it is within LPN scope to assist with ventilator care by making observations, and by recording and reporting such observations. It is not appropriate for LPN to independently implement nursing actions based upon conclusions or assessments drawn from their observations, i.e., making ventilator adjustments.</p> |
| RN scope of practice to | <p>Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to administer</p> |

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| administer continuous infusion of tPA via intra-arterial sheath | continuous infusion of tPA via intra-arterial sheath for acute limb ischemia after MD insertion and initial tPA bolus? Answer: Board opined that after placement and verification by physician, it is within scope of practice of RN to administer continuous infusion of tPA via intra-arterial sheath for acute limb ischemia, with appropriate education, competencies and institutional policy to support practice. |
| <u>November 15, 2012</u> | |
| RN scope of practice to apply cast | Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to apply cast if orthopedic provider has deemed it necessary for patient to have cast? Answer: Board opined that applying casts is within RN scope of practice with competency and training. |
| RN scope of practice to administer trans-cranial magnetic stimulation | Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to administer trans-cranial magnetic stimulation under training and supervision of MD with annual competency demonstration? Answer: Board opined that it is within role of RN to administer TMS with training, supervision and competencies. |
| LPN scope of practice to make adult ventilator changes | Question: it is within LPN scope of practice to make adult ventilator circuit changes. Answer: Board opined that long term ventilator circuit changes are within LPN scope of practice as long as it is a delegated task and competencies are in place. |
| <u>December 20, 2012</u> | |
| RN scope of practice to assist with PEG placement | Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to assist with PEG placement? Answer: Board opined that it is within RN scope of practice to assist with PEG placement with documented training and competency. |
| LPN scope of practice to change suprapubic catheter | Question: Is it within LPN scope of practice to change suprapubic catheter? Answer: Board opined that it is within LPN scope of practice to change suprapubic catheters with documented training and competency. Education on sterile technique should be |

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| <p>LPN scope of practice to perform Urodynamic studies</p> | <p>included in training.</p> <p>Question: Is it within LPN scope of practice to perform Urodynamic studies?</p> <p>Answer: Board opined that LPN's can perform this procedure under guidance of provider with appropriate training and competency, but CANNOT interpret results.</p> |
| <p>LNA scope of practice to assist with medication administration</p> | <p>Question: Can LNA with LNA-MC certification assist resident with medication administration?</p> <p>Answer: Board affirmed that it is NOT within LNA-MC scope of practice to assist with medication administration.</p> |
| <p>Position statement requested re: paramedics working in Emergency Department</p> | <p>Question: Does NH Board of Nursing have position statement regarding paramedics working in Emergency Department setting independently caring for ED patients?</p> <p>Answer: Board does not have position statement about paramedics functioning in ED. BON does not license paramedics/EMTs and has no jurisdiction over practice. If paramedic is delegated to by RN, rules regarding delegation should be followed and can be found in Nur 400 under Nurse Practice Act.</p> |